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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARCOS PERMITS BISHOP CLAVER TO TRAVEL TO US

REF: STATE 171724

1. PARA 5 REFTEL (EA PRESS SUMMARY) NOTES AP REPORT THAT JESUIT BISHOP CLAVER OF MALAYBALAY, OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF MARTIAL LAW REGIME, HAD BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES TO ATTEND EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION ON PROBLEM OF HUNGER SPONSORED BY CARDINAL KROLL OF PHILADELPHIA. OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA, CESAR CAHVEZ AND BISHOP HELDER CARMARA OF BRAZIL. ACCORDING AP ACCOUNT, WHICH APPEARED IN JULY 12 PACIFIC STARTS & STRIPS, NISA DIRECTOR, MG FABIAN VER HAD TURNED DOWN CLAVER'S REQUEST TO TRAVEL.

2. LATE JULY 12, SECRETARY JESUIT PROVINCE IN PHILIPPINES CALLED EMBOFF TO INFORM CALVER WAS BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE AND TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VIS. BISHOP CLAVER CAME TO EMBASSY MORNING JULY 13. HE TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD GONE TO AP IN ORDER TO SPUR GOP TO ACTION. IT WAS NOT LONG IN COMING. HE WAS CALLED TO MALACANANG JULY 12 AND SPENT TWO HOURS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS IN COMPANY OF UNDERSECRETARY BARBERO AND GENERAL VER. CLAVER SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION MARCOS "REALLY LISTENED." CONVERSATION COVERED HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ACTIVITIES OF PANAMIN, ETC.). MARCOS ATTEMPTED TO GET CLAVER TO PROMISE HE
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WOULD NOT CRITICIZE NEW SOCIETY WHILE ABROAD. CALVER

TOLD PRESIDENT THAT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE HE WAS PARTICIPANT IN DISCUSSIONS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, ETC. CLAVER SAID MARCOS FINALLY AGREED TO LET HIM TRAVEL AFTER COMMENTING FULLY THAT MILITARY, ESPECIALLY INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS, ARE INCLINED TO BE SHORT-SIGNED WHEN IT CAME TO TRAVEL PERMISSION.

3. COMMENT: AS CLAVER HIMSELF POINTED OUT, GOP IS TREMENDOUSLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM FROM ABROAD. IN THIS INSTANCE HE SAID MARCOS HAD CORRECTLY JUDGED THAT HEAT HE WOULD TAKE FOR REFUSING HIM PERMISSION TO TRAVEL WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN ANY CRITICISM FROM CLAVER WHILE IN THE US SINCE THIS WILL NOT APPEAR IN GUIDED PRESS. CLAVER ADMITTED MARCOS MAY HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY CONCERNED IN VIEW FACT THAT HE (CLAVER) IS SCHEDULED TO BE AT MARYKNOLL IN NEW YORK FOR DISCUSSION IN WHICH SENATOR MANGLAPUS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. MARCOS WAS ALSO INTRIGUED BY FACT CLAVER INTENDS TO VISIT MALAYSIA ON WAY HOME. CALVER PROVIDED NO DETAILS ON REASON FOR MALAYSIAN VISIT. WE THINK CLAVER'S BASIS ASSESSMENT OF WHY MARCOS PERMITTED HIM TO TRAVEL IS PERSUASIVE. WE ALSO SUSPECT THAT IN VIEW OF RECENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN SECRETARY OF JUSTICE ABAD SANTOS AND CARDINAL SIN (SEE MANILA 9979), MARCOS PROBABLY DID NOT WISH CONTRIBUTE TO IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE WERE DETERIORATING OR THAT REGIME WAS SEEKING CONFRONTATION. SULLIVAN

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